Data on Price Support Plans

Six of Virginia's principal farm commodities will be produced under acreage allotments in 1950—wheat, cotton, tobacco, peanuts, potatoes and corn in twelve counties that constitute the commercial corn area. Some farmers grow two or more of these crops; other farmers grow a single crop or two or more farms.

How the price support program will operate in such cases was explained this week by E. B. Bridgforth, State Committee Chairman of the Production and Marketing Administration.

Compliance with acreage allotments will be the principal condition for the 1950 price support and producers will not be required to use acreage diverted from production in any specific manner. Eligibility for price support on any single crop will be determined independently from others, Bridgforth said.

For example, he pointed out, a producer who complies with his wheat allotment will be eligible for 1950 wheat price supports even though he may exceed his acreage allotment on cotton or potatoes, or any other crop. But a producer who exceeds this acreage allotment for any single crop is not eligible for price support on that crop.

Where a producer has interest in, or owns more than one farm producing crops under acreage allotments, conditions vary according to the community, the State PMA chairman explained.

For tobacco, a producer having an allotment on more than one farm, will be eligible for price support on each farm on which the acreage allotment has not been exceeded. But not so on potatoes or peanuts. On these he must be within his acreage allotment on every farm to be eligible for price supports on any potatoes or peanuts he grows.

On wheat, cotton and corn the situation is different yet. On these, producers are eligible for price supports only when the total acreage grown does not exceed the total allotment on all farms. But even so, each farm must stand on its own. For example, a producer who exceeds his corn allotment on one farm is not eligible for price support on that farm, even though his total acreage for all farms is within the sum of all allotments. On the other hand a producer exceeding his total corn allotments for all farms is not eligible for price supports on any farm, even though some may be within their allotment.

Farm Census Questionnaire

The questionnaire for the 1950 Census of Agriculture will be sent to rural route boxholders on the United States Bureau of the Census mailing list in March with a request that answers to the inquiries be filled in by the farm operator. This procedure will allow farmers to consult their records when filling in the questionnaire and will save time for both the farmer and the census taker when the latter calls at the farm in April.

The Agriculture questionnaire has been printed in 41 variations, one for each state or group of states. Basic inquiries for all questionnaires are identical but variations are made for differences in crops harvested and classes of livestock kept. The major portion of each questionnaire is devoted to inquiries about 50 different field crops, fruits and vegetables. However, the average farmer raises only four or five crops and will need only a little time to answer the livestock and livestock products questions for his farm.

The questionnaire ... designed to be filled in rapidly. It is divided into 13 sections and about 50 blocks of items. At the beginning of most blocks is an introductory question which can be answered by checking a "none" box if the items listed are not applicable to the farm. When a "none" block is checked in answer to a lead question, the farmer may skip to the next block of questions. However, if any of the items listed are applicable to the farm, the farmer must answer all questions in the block.

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Oakville

Oakville, March 28.- Miss Helen Martin of Roanoke visited her mother, Mrs. E. B. Martin last weekend.

Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr., is spending several days with her father and sisters at Spout Spring. Mrs. Bob Martin is staying with Mr. Martin here during her absence.

Misses Gail and Norma Ray Hillman went with Mr. and Mrs. John P. Baker last week-end to Bedford to visit Mr. and Mrs. Pete Harris.

Mrs. C. H. Coleman fell last week in her room and broke her arm. Many friends and relatives visited her during last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Page and Jean visited Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Twyman Dinkins, of Norfolk spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rogers.

Mrs. Evans McInturff has been sick for the past few weeks. We hope that she may soon recover.

Irving Ayers, who has been sick for sometime with rheumatism went to Lynchburg Saturday for treatment. He now has one leg in a cast. We hope that this will help his condition and lead to recovery for him.

The Red Oak Baptist revival begins April 2nd. Rev. Omer Burnette will conduct the services. Come out and hear him, everyone.

Mrs. C. D. Lewis, we are glad to hear, is improving.

Mrs. Rob Lucado is a patient at Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. C. E. Wilkerson spent one night last week with her mother, Mrs. John Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Wells and children, of Newport News, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby Martin were guests Saturday night of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Drinkard and Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Harding.

Aubrey Drinkard, Bennett Harding, Garland Harding and Mrs. Herman Harding motored to Richmond Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Cora Harding.

Highway Department Explains Policies On Subdivision Streets

W. C. Poston, State Highway Department resident engineer for Appomattox County, this week explained the department's policies regarding the acceptance of subdivision streets into the State's secondary highway system.

A rural subdivision street is eligible for the state system if it has these features:

A right-of-way of not less than 40 feet.

Adequate drainage facilities.

A hard surface of at least 20 feet.

A graded width of at least 24 feet.

An acceptable pavement base.

Poston explained that requests for additions to the secondary system should be presented to the County Supervisors. Additions, including both rural roads and subdivisions' streets, are limited during each year to those which can be maintained and improved at a cost of not more than five per cent of the county's secondary road construction fund.

The highway department said that prior to the adoption of these policies, many subdivisions were laid out with no provision for adequate street improvements. County road funds were generally insufficient to handle the improvements - and as a result subdivision residents often wound up "in the mud."

With these standards, the subdivision resident is protected ... as are the state-to-market secondary roads whose funds might have gone for subdivision street improvement had not these policies been adopted.

Conservatives win first House of Commons vote.

New York area hit by very heavy rains.

Horse meat reported seized in Tampa.

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VMI Band To Play At Dedication Here April 16

Father Darkleaf's Column

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The name Easter comes from the word Eostra, the beatuyif goddess of spring. North Europeans, when converted to Christianity, kept the pagan name of their spring festive holiday.

Some say that Emperor Constantine started the fashion of Easter parades. Early in the fourth century he became a Christian and he said he should do something special to mark the fact. So at the time of the Feast of Christ's Resurrection, he decreed that elaborate ceremonies be staged. His great court was ordered to come in new finery and fashionable robes.

Earlier, Christians had celebrated underground during the Roman persecution. They drew crosses on the catacomb walls, painted beautiful religious pictures, and they picked up an old Persian custom of dyed eggs. They stained the eggs red to symbolize Christ's blood. And under Pope Zosimus huge Pachal candles were lighted for the Easter Eve watch. They sang a special hymn, written allegedly by St. Augustine, and perhaps the "first Easter music.

The Druids in England honored the egg as a symbol of the witch-goddess Creirwy of Llywy, remembered, therefore, as the golden egg. Polish children used painted egg shells into the streams to float into fairyland.

For centuries, decorated Easter eggs were exchanged as gifts. But soon after them broke in transit, and so, around 1850, people in North Germany began sending drawings of paper eggs instead of actual eggs. Then Holy Land scenes were added, and we had the custom of sending Easter greeting cards! Easter cards appeared in the United States about 1880.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

A change has been necessary in the schedule of Appomattox County news reported over WWOD by Calvin Robinson, local editor. For nearly a year this broadcast has been heard at 12:30 each Friday. The new time is: 11:30 A. M. each Saturday. Mr. Robinson continues his regular 7:15 P. M. broadcast on Friday evenings.

Stonewall

Stonewall, April 4.- We hope everybody had a chest x-ray yesterday at Stonewall.

Mr. Wallace Bondurant was called to Roanoke last Sunday on account of his sister's death, Mrs. Ethel Bondurant Weakley. She was a native of our community and was loved by all who knew her. She will be buried here at Hebron Church this afternoon.

We have lots more sick ones around here every week. We surely hope they will soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and son, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings spent their guest her mother, Mrs. Johnson, of Woodbridge, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard and children, of Richmond; Mr. and Mrs. Beard and son and Mrs. Lewis Mason and children, of Appomattox, were guests of Mrs. J. H. Beard over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chick, of Spout Spring and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chirk on Route 1.

Little Lawrence Beard is going to have his 6th birthday next Saturday the 8th, at his home, with his Sunday School class from Hebron helping him. They will have an egg hunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Wheeler had their children home for Sunday: Mrs. Wheeler, of Richmon1; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, of Appomattox, Peggy, Bertha and Billie, of Spout Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard and children spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. James Martin, at Oak-

News of The April 16 McLean House Dedication

Work is underway on the speaker's platform and stand for the Dedication Program to be held April 16. There will be a reserved section with 400 chairs for distinguished guests.

Loudspeakers will be set up and radio broadcasters have visited the set-up to arrange for their facilities. Under a pool arrangement, at least four stations will broadcast the program. One other station will make a recording for broadcast at a later hour.

Space will be available near the Old Court House for up to 1,500 automobiles. Adequate traffic handling has been arranged.

Suggestion: Be on hand by 1:00 P. M. The program starts at 1:45, but the pageantry of bands playing and distinguished guests arriving will start soon after 1 P. M.

The Dedication Committee has received a handsomely enscribed official reply from President and Mrs. Truman, expressing their regrets at being unable to attend the program.

Robert E. Lee, IV, will come by plane from San Francisco, and will motor here Sunday, April 16, from Washington. He will leave Washington by plane at 8 P. M. that night, and, therefore, will have to leave here immediately after the ceremony.

An historical article written by Miss Mary Louise Gills, appeared in the Richmond Times-Dispatch last Sunday, in the magazine section. It was illustrated with views of Appomattox.

The New York Times of Sunday, April 2, had a splendid article concerning the McLean House Dedication. It was prepared by one of the Times' feature writers, who predicted a crowd of 10,000 here on April 16.

A nearby daily paper is planning a special "Appomattox Supplement" for Sunday, April 16.

Mr. Chas. M. Walsh, of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. C. W. Ward, of Richmond and Alabama, stopped by the Times-Virginian office yesterday to find out about the McLean House Dedication, April 16. Both plan to return from Richmond April 16 to attend the colorful ceremony.

Congressman W. M. Abbitt has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives to direct the Smithsonian Institution in Washington to exhibit original McLean House furniture it possesses in the rebuilt McLean House at Appomattox.

Ask Crippled Children Aid

Citing the need for maintaining and expanding its services for crippled children, Mayor George B. Beadles of Lynchburg proclaimed this week as Easter Seal Week and urged all residents to support the current Easter Seal Drive sponsored by the Virginia Society for Crippled Children and Adults.

In his statement the mayor pointed out that there are thousands of crippled children and adults in Virginia all of whom should have the most expert professional care in order to help them lead as nearly normal and happy lives as possible. The services maintained by the Virginia Society for Crippled Children and Adults are financed by money raised in the Easter Seal Drive.

"It is our responsibility to see that our crippled children are given their chance. This responsibility is best discharged by supporting the Easter Seal Drive which finances the services to the crippled of our community by the Virginia Society for Crippled Children and Adults - services which mean new life and hope to the handicapped."

Senator Taft urges a non-partisan group to investigate spending.

Life Magazine phoned here Tuesday regarding covering the Dedication. Two news reel companies are known to be interested in photographing the meeting of Robert E. Lee, IV and U. S. Grant, III.

A professional decorator from Richmond will arrive here early on the morning of Friday, April 14. He will decorate the town for the town's business places. Mr. William W. Burke heads the committee arranging appointments for decorations, and home-owners and business places desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity to make Appomattox look right for the big occasion should see Mr. Burke at once.

Lots of painting and cleaning up is going on around Appomattox, as the spirit of the Dedication seems to be really catching on!

Congressman Vaughn Gary, of Richmond plans to attend. Governor Battle, Lieut. Gov. Preston Colloim and Attorney General Lindsey Almond will attend.

A group of thirty-five school children from the Curdsville high school were here yesterday to go over the battle grounds and historic buildings at the Old Court House.

A meeting of the Dedication Committee is being held tonight to set up final arrangements.

Home Agents Schedule

Home Demonstration Agent's schedule, April 10-15:

Wed., April 12.- Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M., with Mrs. J. P. Paulette. The demonstration will be on new materials, patterns and sewing equipment. Note change of date.

Thurs. April 13.- The Stonewall Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 P. M. with Mrs. Helen Thomas. The demonstration will be pies and pastries.

Friday, April 14.- The Richwood Home Demonstration Club meets at 10:30 A. M., with Mrs. Ralph Smith. The demonstration will be cleaning and adjusting sewing machines.

Schedule of 4-H Club meetings:

Tuesday, April 11.- Oakville 4-H Club, 9 A. M., at the school.

Tues., April 11.- Vera 4-H Club, at Vera school at 10:45.

Tues., April 11.- Appomattox Junior Club, 1:20 in auditorium for girls, and boys in cafeteria.

Tues., April 11.- The Appomattox Senior 4-H Club, in school auditorium at 2:10.

Wed., April 12.- Spout Spring 4-H Club, at school, 9 A.M.

Wed., April 12.- Stonewall 4-H Club, at school at 10:30.

Friday, April 14.- Pamplin 4-H Club, at school at 9 A. M. and Evergreen Club at 10:30.

Farm Bureau Meets April 13

The Appomattox Farm Bureau will hold its next meeting April 13, at the court house.

W S C S Meets Next Week

The W. S. C. S will meet at the Memorial Methodist Church Wednesday, April 12, at 7:30. Miss Mary Belle Babcock will present a program on Youth Work. Mrs. Herman Schweizer will be the guest speaker and the youth choir will sing.

New county budget is being considered by Supervisors.

Death of L. B. Harvey

Appomattox was saddened this week by the sudden death early Tuesday morning of Mr. Lester B. Harvey, 63, a widely known business man and church leader. Mr. Harvey passed away of a cerebral hemorrhage at 2 A. M.

Born in this county June 29, 1886, he was the son of the late William Wright and Mildred Walker Harvey.

For many years Mr. Harvey operated a successful insurance, furniture and appliance business in Appomattox. A victim of infantile paralysis at the age of twelve, he was a familiar and beloved figure as he traveled by car over this and surrounding counties. After completing his education, in early manhood he taught in the public schools. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at Liberty Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Helen Welch Harvey; one sister, Mrs. W. J. Walton, of Appomattox; three brothers, Jessie J., Lytton and Will. iam C. Harvey, all of Appomattox; eight neices and nine nephews.

Funeral services were conducted from his home here Wednesday at 3 P. M. Burial was made in Liberty Cemetery.

Services were conducted by the Reverends J. Marshall Walker, W. M. Thompson, R. P. Welch and Geo. E. Hughes. Active pallbearers were: T. C. Harvey, Eddie Morris, John C. Harvey, Curry Harvey, William J. Walton, Jack P. Harvey, Louis T. Harvey and Frank Gilliam.

EASTER HOLIDAY

Appomattox county schools begin the Easter vacation tomorrow morning. Schools will reconvene Tuesday.

UNION PASSION WEEK SERVICES BEING HELD

The Union Passion Week services in Appomattox, which began April 3, continue through Saturday night, April 8. The hour is 7:45 P. M.

On Thursday night, Dr. Thurman Williams, pastor of the local Presbyterian Church, will preach in the Baptist Church on the topic: "Be. ing Remembered." Rev. Marshall Walker, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, will preach Friday night in the Methodist Church on "How to Meet Suffering." Rev. R. Carl Maxon, pastor of the Methodist Church will preach in the Presbyterian Church on Saturday night at 7:45 on, "Man's Power Versus God's Power." The public is cordially invited to these union services. The choirs of each church are providing special music.

BEEF COW NUMBERS SHOW UPWARD TREND

An upward trend in beef cow numbers - 100,000 head more now than during the five-year period, 1937-41 - is noted by George Herring, Extension animal husbandman at V. P. I.

Herring says Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports show that Virginia had 148,000 head of beef cows on January 1, 1950. The average number during the five-year period was 47,000. Steer numbers at the same time have decreased 17 per cent.

The increase in cow numbers, in part, is a shift from steer enterprises to less speculative cow herds. However, there has been a rapid expansion in beef cattle in Virginia on farms that have not previously had them; and in most cases the new producers have established cow herds.

Much of the increase has come in areas, such as Southside and Eastern Virginia, which at one time were considered out of the beef cattle area. The improvement of old pastures, establishment of new ones, and the increase in yields and acreage of hay crops has been the basis of the expanded cattle business.

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Surgeons save patient's life by grafting heart artery.

Union submits a new pension plan to Chrysler.

Ask Bids on Agricultural Building Here

The Appomattox School Board this week advertised for bids for building a new Agricultre building on the local school campus. Bids are to be opened April 12.

This building will replace the old Agriculture building destroyed by fire last fall.

A H S Wins Ball Game

Appomattox High School defeated Concord High School Thursday at Concord, by a score of 9 to 6. Charlie Mitchell and Calvin Tanner combined the pitching and held Concord to four hits while they struck out nine men. John Chandler and Charlie Mitchell led the hitting, each having two hits for the game.

Then Appomattox downed Lynchburg College J. V.'s here Tuesday by a score of 14 to 1. Calvin Tanner pitched the full nine innings and allowed only three scattered hits and one run. He struck out 11 batters and did not walk a man. The hitting was led by Bobby Chernault and Buddy Ould, each with two.

Appomattox will play its first night game here on Tuesday, April 11, at the Lee Theater ball park. They will meet the Altavista High School in a league game.

Trinity Road

Trinity Road, April 5.- Happy Easter! Don't forget to go to church Sunday morning!

Rev. G. E. Hughes will have preaching services at Hebron Sunday at 9 A. M. Special Easter services and music by Junior Choir.

Wallace Bondurant, Marvin Stratton, Kelly Stratton and Tommie Bondurant were called to Roanoke Sunday by the sudden death of the latter's brother, Mr. Bondurant's sister. Mrs. Arthur Weakley.

Guests of Mrs. W. H. Drinkard and son, Clayton Sunday included Paul Drinkard, of Appomattox; Mrs. F. C. Drinkard, of Concord; Mrs. F. E. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jennings and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. Clayton Drinkard and sons Clayton, Jr. of Lynchburg, and Tye Cobb visited relatives in Franklin for the week-end.

W. D. Parris, of Newport News was a guest of his brother, Louis Parris and family Thursday night.

Mrs. Lula Taylor was a Sunday dinner guest of her daughter, Mrs. B. D. Stratton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Parris and girls, of Lynchburg were the Sunday guests of his brother, Louis Parris and family.

Mrs. S. E. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Kraus attended the minstrel at Concord Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks, of Lynchburg; Misses Josephine and Eunice Martin, of Lynchburg were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton attended a dinner party Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burrus on Woodland Ave., Lynchburg, celebrating the anniversary of Mr. W. R. Seay's 25th year of service with the Burrus Land and Lumber Co.

Mrs. R. H. Routon and sons, Shelton and John spent Sunday with Mrs. Marvin Stratton.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Parris and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin included Rev. and Mrs. D. M. Spence, of Appomattox; Mrs. C. M. Caldwell, Mrs. T. M. Martin, Mrs. Bob Martin, Mrs. Emmett Mayn, Mrs. H. D. Martin, Emory Martin, W. C. Story, Mrs. L. E. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martin, Rachel Martin and Dorothy Ann Burge.

Mrs. P. B. Stratton, Miss Edna Adcock, Mrs. G. E. Hughes and Miss Verna Harding went to Flat Creek Baptist Church Wednesday to the Appomattox W. M. U. Association, from Hebron Church.

Colorful pageantry and a brilliant setting for the Dedication of the rebuilt peace home of Wilmer McLean at Old Appomattox C. H. on Sunday, April 16, was assured this week when it was announced that the grey-clad band of the Virginia Military Institute would be here to play for Robert E. Lee, IV and the assembled guests and visitors.

The VMI Cadets fought at New Market under "Stonewall" Jackson. And now on April 16, VMI will be in Appomattox to help dedicate the shrine of American peace. Southern hearts will thrill to the spectacle of seeing the boys in grey again, with the great grandson of General Lee.

From Quantico, Va., the Marine Band will come to complete the picture, and U. S. Grant, III, grandson of Gen. U. S. Grant will keep another rendezvous with Lee at Appomattox. And descendents of Wilmer McLean will be present, too. It is a set-up that is capturing the greatest publicity Appomattox has had since April 9, 1865. Local people are catching the spirit of the occasion, and in homes, business places, and on the streets there is a mounting enthusiasm for "the Dedication."

Dr. Douglas S. Freeman, of Richmond will make the prieipal address for the occasion, slated for 1:45 P. M. Hon. Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service, will head a list of distinguished guests from Washington.

The National Park Service and the local Dedication Committee is going "all-out" to make April 16 a great occasion. Estimates of the crowd expected run from 5,000 up, and the cooperation of the weather man will no doubt be a factor in the size of the program, which will go on rain or shine.

Town Auto Tags Due

The owners of all motor vehicles within the corporate limits of the Town of Appomattox are respectfully reminded that after midnight April 15th, the law requires all such motor licensed vehicles to display an Appomattox town tag. After this date all violators are subject to a fine and costs. The cooperation of every resident is requested.

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P T A Group Met Yesterday

Dr. Faith Gordon, director of the Lynchburg Guidance Center addressed nearly 100 representatives from Lynchburg District Parent - Teacher Association, here yesterday afternoon. He spoke on The PTA Adult Study Group.

Mrs. H. C. Haun, chairman for the district group, presided. Theme of the meeting was: A Better Understanding of PTA Work.

Registration began at the local high school at 9:30 A. M. There was a business session at 10:30 and a group discussion panel at 10:45.

Cancer Drive Asks Funds

The American public is thoroughly aroused by the cancer problem. More than 22 million now living may die of cancer unless something is done about cancer. The American Cancer Society's campaign for funds offers each citizen an opportunity to strike back at this disease. Money obtained broadens the attack of research and education. In raising the campaign fund, the public is helping in the worthwhile effort and providing for medical research and life-saving information.

Thus, the success of the 1950 American Cancer Society's campaign depends upon the individual response of each citizen.

Mrs. Ryland M. Mann is Campaign Chairman; Mrs. Jennings Conner, Farmers National Bank, is treasurer.